

**CITY OF CORVALLIS**  
**COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL**

**POLICY AREA 9 - RIGHT-OF-WAY MATTERS**

**CP 91-9.02**      **Dirt on Streets**

**Adopted March 20, 1978**

Affirmed October 7, 1991

Reviewed November 20, 1995

Revised October 18, 1999

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Revised January 22, 2008

Affirmed February 21, 2012

**9.02.010**      **Purpose**

City ordinances prohibit the deposition of any earth or other debris upon any street or sidewalk and provide a penalty upon conviction for such an offense. This Policy provides more specific direction for City staff.

**9.02.020**      **Policy**

The responsibility for removal of dirt, mud, gravel, and other debris resulting from construction projects rests with the project contractor and/or property owner. All Public Works and Community Development field personnel are authorized to give verbal notice to appropriate individuals when excess dirt and other debris is noted in public streets, alleys, and sidewalks. It shall be the policy that:

- a. Any dirt or debris deposited upon any street, alley, or sidewalk which creates a potential hazard shall be removed immediately by the project contractor or property owner. City staff may determine that a hazard exists for any situation with the potential to cause harm to the public and/or environmentally sensitive resources. If for any reason the project contractor or property owner cannot immediately accomplish the work or cannot be readily notified, City staff shall cause the hazard to be removed and bill the project contractor or property owner at a rate of 1.50 times the actual cost. Under a hazardous situation the offender may be cited into Municipal Court.

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- b. All dirt or debris deposited on a public street, alley, or sidewalk from any construction activity that is not an immediate hazard shall be removed before 5:00 pm of that same day. After appropriate notice, if the clean up is not accomplished by 5:00 pm of the following day, a stop-work order shall be placed upon the project and shall remain until the street, alley, or sidewalk has been cleaned to the satisfaction of the City Manager.

### 9.02.030 Review and Update

This Right-of-way Matters Policy shall be reviewed every four years in October by the Public Works and Community Development Directors and updated as appropriate.